

Indiana Career Council Work-and-Learn Models

Pillar 2: Worker- and Student- Centric Services

Objective 4: Elevate the importance of work-and-learn models

Work-and-learn opportunities are broadly defined as experiences that allow students and workers to acquire, refine, and/or strengthen knowledge and skills through hands-on, "real-life" experiences in a work place.

Model	Description	Objectives	Participants	Compensation	Academic Credit	Grade Levels	Duration
Internship	Work at a company for a limited period of time	Exploration, skill development, career experience, networking	Employers, students (secondary & postsecondary), schools (high schools, colleges, universities)	Can be paid or unpaid	Yes or No	9-16	Typically 12-16 weeks to a year; PT or FT work
Externship	Short-term career exploration	Career observation	Employers, students (secondary & postsecondary), schools (high schools, colleges, universities)	Rarely	No	9-16	Typically a day to a week
Cooperative Education (co-op)	Occupational preparation, with classroom-based education and work experience	Career exploration, occupation development	Employers, students (secondary & postsecondary), schools (high schools, colleges, universities)	Usually	Yes	Grades 11-12, 14-16	Multi-semester, 6-40 hours/week, Or alternate FT school and FT work



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On-the-job training (OJT)	Individualized training at a job site	Training, skill development	Employers, adult participants, WIB	Wages for participant and reimbursement for employers	No	Adults	Varies, longer- term and should lead to full-time employment
Clinical Training	Occupational study and worksite training with examination often required for licensure	Occupational development	Postsecondary students, colleges and universities, employers (mostly medical related occupations)	Rarely	Yes	Grades 13-16	10-30 hours/week
Pre- Apprenticeship (Youth Apprenticeship, School-to- Apprenticeship)	Students begin part-time participation in apprenticeship programs	School-based and work-based learning, career counseling, occupational and academic instruction, mentoring	Secondary students, employers, schools	Usually	Industry recognized credential	Grades 11-14. Extends from high school to post- secondary	Varies: 4-30 hours/week
Apprenticeship	On-the-job training with accompanying study for a trade or profession. Programs are 1-6 years, but most are 4 years	Career training, National industry certification, wage increases, on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction	Employers, associations, unions, participants, postsecondary institutions, apprenticeship training centers	Yes	Potential to earn college credit even a degree	Eligible starting age 16 but most require age 18	For each year normally 2,000 hours OJT and minimum 144 hours classroom instruction



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Federal Work Study	Part-time jobs for students with financial need	Career exploration, occupation development, soft skills	Postsecondary students, colleges and universities	Yes	No	Grades 13-16	Varies
School-Based Enterprises	Students work part-time in a school-owned business	Career exploration, occupation development, soft skills	Secondary students, high schools	Rarely	No	Grades 11-12	4-15 hours/week